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SUBJECT: BONGO REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: LIBREVILLE 1772, STATE 156864

1. DURING MEETING WITH BONGO LATE MORNING JUNE 29, I CONVEYED MESSAGE PARA 1 STATE REFTEL TO HIM IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND TOLD HIM I UNDERSTOOD LETTER WOULD BE COMING FROM PRESIDENT CARTER. I ALSO EXPECTED HE WOULD BE HEARING FROM MAMBOUKA ON SAME SUBJECT.

2. BONGO RECEIVED NEWS IN RELAXED FASHION AND ASKED ME TO ASSURE PRESIDENT CARTER THAT HE UNDERSTOOD FULLY. HE MENTIONED THAT HIS WIFE WAS UNDERGOING MEDICAL TESTS AND THAT PERHAPS IT WASNT BEST TIME FOR HIM EITHER. HE THOUGHT THAT AFTER BOEING 747 IS DELIVERED, HE WOULD THINK ABOUT PRIVATE VISIT TO STATES THIS FALL OR WINTER DURING WHICH HE MIGHT MEET WITH BUSINESSMEN AND PERHAPS SOME OFFICIALS (HE DID NOT SPECIFY PRESIDENT), AND TOLD ME HE WAS PARTICULARLY FOND OF LOS ANGELES WHICH CONFIDENTIALLY, WAS ONLY PLACE IN WORLD HE KNEW WHERE HE COULD DO THINGS HE WANTED TO WITHOUT BEING TROUBLED BY VISITORS, OFFICIAL BUSINESS AND THE LIKE.

3. COMMENT: I HAD FEELING THAT BONGO EITHER SENSED WHAT REPLY WOULD BE OR HAD PARTIALLY CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT MAKING VISIT NOW AND OUR ANSWER GOT HIM OFF HOOK. WHATEVER, HE TOOK THE REPLY WELL.TIENKEN
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